

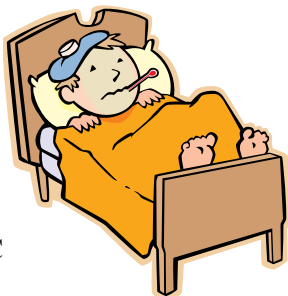
# THE VVFC NEWS ALERT BACKPAGE FEB/MARCH 2005

## INFLUENZA SEASON 2005-06

Influenza season 2004-05 seems like it just started, but it is already time to think about next season! The 2005-06 season is just around the corner and this year, VVFC is going to do things a little differently. In an effort to plan ahead and make Influenza vaccine distribution more efficient in October, VVFC will be taking advanced Influenza vaccine orders for the 2005-06 season.

In this mailing, you will find a VVFC Advanced Influenza Vaccine Order Form.

This is the only order form you will need to fill out to receive VVFC Influenza vaccine for the 2005-06 season, but **you must return it to the VVFC office by Tuesday, April 5, 2005.** Help fight the Influenza bug and order your VVFC Influenza vaccine today!



## VVFC AWARDS

### Exceptional

### Immunization Rates

Infant, Child, & Adolescent Clinic,  
Alexandria

Manassas Pediatrics, LTD, Manassas

Medical Associates of Louisa, Louisa

Practice of Dr. Jose, Alexandria

Practice of Dr. Rodriguez, Alexandria

Wee Care Pediatrics, Fredericksburg

(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

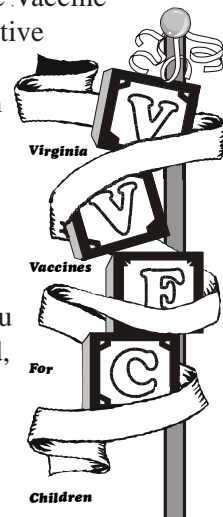
Peninsula Institute for Community Health,  
Newport News

Potomac Pediatrics, PC, Woodbridge

**\*UPDATE\*** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is adding a few requirements to the Quality Assurance reviews. Your facility will be evaluated on these additional elements beginning in April 2005. Our current standards as well as the new elements can be found on our web site.

## ALERT! VVFC INFORMATION

- The multi-dose vial of Td supplied by Aventis (sanofi pasteur) is being phased out and is being replaced by DECAVAC, the same formulation but preservative free Td in single-dose syringes. VVFC will likely run out of the 10 dose vials in the next couple of months. The Order Form will be updated and a notice will go out in the Backpage.
- The CDC phone number is being changed on all VIS with a new hotline that becomes active 3/15/05. Please do not use the new VIS before 3/15/05. Ideally all VIS used after 3/15/05 will have the new number. No publication dates will change due to the new number.
- The next batch of vaccine return forms are due March 15th for receipt of labels the week of 4/1/05.
- Hepatitis A has been added to the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, effective 12/1/04.
- The VVFC Vaccine Return Form and Inventory Form are now electronic fill-in forms and can be found on-line.
- Wyeth has developed a Prevnar Call Back Program with HIPAA compliant, postage paid cards. If you are interested, contact Amanda Kidd, from Wyeth Vaccines, at 1-888-685-5962 x72143.



## DOSES ADMINISTERED AND VACCINE INVENTORY REPORTS

In continued efforts to increase accountability, *private* facilities were asked to track the number of VVFC vaccine doses administered to VVFC eligible children from January 1, 2005 to March 31, 2005 using the VVFC Doses Administered Report (December 2004 Backpage). This requirement, in combination with Inventory Reports, will be used to improve our distribution system. If your private facility has not started or did not start documenting doses administered until late January or even early February, you must document at least 60 days (2 months) worth of data and submit a doses administered report within 5 days of that 60 days passing.

**In order to measure your accountability, you must conduct another inventory on March 31, 2005 at the close of business.** Completed inventory and doses administered

reports are to be faxed to the VVFC office no later than **Tuesday, April 5, 2005.** VVFC reserves the right to place a hold on your vaccine orders if your reports are not received by the deadline. (NOTE: Public facilities must also submit an inventory by 4/5/05.)

